

City Council of the Mayor and Council of New Castle
Public Hearing at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – March 13, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Council President William Barthel
Councilperson John Gaworski
Councilperson Ted Megginson
Councilperson Teel Petty

Absent: Councilperson John Cochran

President Barthel said Councilperson Cochran is ill this evening.

President Barthel said two public hearings are being held tonight, the first is concerning proposed changes to the New Castle City Code covering the issuance of building permits and certificates of occupancy. The second is concerning a proposal to place Stop Signs at the intersection of Baldt and 11th streets.

The first item relates to the changes to the City Code.

President Barthel said the change relates to when the City issues certificates of zoning compliance, which is going to be changed to certificates of occupancy, the City runs into issues with other agencies. The City is trying to tighten it up.

Solicitor Losco explained the City found itself in a situation where someone has applied for a certificate of occupancy or a building permit and they are not in compliance with some state, federal or MSC guidelines. There was nothing in the Code that authorized the Building Official to hold back on issuing the permit or C of O until they were in compliance. In addition, the Code refers to certificate of zoning compliance when the reference should be to certificate of occupancy, which is what was being issued.

No citizens spoke on the issue.

The second public hearing concerns a proposal to place Stop Signs at the intersection of Baldt Avenue and 11th streets creating a three-way stop.

Councilperson Megginson said he was approach by several residents the Baldt Avenue area and in the Van Dyke subdivision regarding an unsafe situation with speeding drivers and inability to see past parked vehicles at the intersection. Administrator Thomas said the Police Department has reviewed it and they concur with the change.

No citizens spoke on the issue.

Councilperson Petty made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Councilperson Gaworski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.